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JOINT LETTER

Dear PPV Housing Project Partners:

SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP ON FALL PROTECTION

Recognizing our shared commitment to ensure safe, high quality and affordable housing and communities, we have grave concerns about the increased number of child fall incidents from second story windows reported in Navy and Marine Corps Public Private Venture housing communities. We recognize there is a tenant/parental responsibility aspect to these incidents, but would like to focus on what we can do as partners to improve window fall protection in military housing. We understand efforts are underway to comply with Fiscal Year 2018 and 2020 National Defense Authorization Act requirements to improve child fall protection in new construction and comprehensive rehabilitation of military housing. However, multi-story homes built prior to these Acts still present fall risks to young children, which is where we have seen previous incidents occurring.

The Navy and Marine Corps team intends to develop a list of high-risk housing units for each PPV project location based on the age of tenants and configuration of the unit. We intend to provide you with a list of housing units/tenants where these fall protection devices are needed and request that you contact residents to ensure they are fully aware of the risks and available protection devices such as, but not limited to, Angel Ventlock, and Guardian Angel Window Guards.

While we understand much routine work has been paused during the COVID-19 crisis, we ask that you not delay installation of the window safety devices, and that you prioritize the work accordingly. We additionally ask that you provide similar notification to new tenants during lease signing where window fall hazards exist, and obtain in writing either a request or declination for installation of the window safety devices. Your continued commitment to provide window safety hazard awareness information and install protection devices when requested is critical to comprehensively securing the welfare of our most vulnerable residents. We look forward to coordinating with you on the local processes and procedures to improve the remaining housing inventory.

Thank you for your commitment to provide safe housing and for recognizing the urgency of this matter. Continuous improvement of the resident experience – starting at lease signing, and continuing with resident education and timely and effective responses to resident requests – is critical to our collective success and conveys continued commitment to the wellbeing of our

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military families. NAVFAC staff will be contacting your local representatives to further discuss how we can work together to mitigate fall risks for children in the housing units you manage.

Sincerely,

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